

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1274

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to commend Laura Cornick for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Laura Cornick is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Chairman Delores Gresham and the Senate Education Committee, Laura's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators and staff she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Laura Cornick grew up in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and is a graduate of Eaton Rapids High School; during her middle school years, Laura's family relocated to Prince Edward Island, Canada, where her family purchased a turn-key dairy farm; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cornick lived in Canada for five years before her family moved back to Michigan, where she completed her high school education; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Aquinas College, where she is highly regarded by her peers and the university community, Laura will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming a full-time student, Ms. Cornick worked with the Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) for the State of Virginia; this position provided her with the opportunity to learn about the laws of the state while seeing first hand the effects they had on children and their families; and

WHEREAS, during her time with DCSE, Laura became an advocate for helping underprivileged children; seeing the great need for help in this area sparked an interest in Laura

to finish her undergraduate degree in business, with aspirations of entering law school in pursuit of her ultimate career goal of becoming a Guardian ad Litem; and

WHEREAS, Laura Cornick has recently signed up to become a court appointed special advocate volunteer (CASA) for Wilson County; CASA volunteers undergo a thorough training course to learn about courtroom procedures from judges, attorneys, social workers, and court personnel, and she will use this training to help abused and neglected children find safe, permanent homes; and

WHEREAS, she is also interested in politics and strongly encourages others to get involved by exercising their right to vote; Laura believes in making a difference by being informed and involved in the political process; and

WHEREAS, among her previous positions, Ms. Cornick has managed others as a store sales manager at Express, during which time she gained valuable experience by working in a team environment; Laura was promoted to a larger volume store shortly after being employed with Express, where she managed all aspects of the retail store including operations, recruiting and employee training and development; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining Express, Laura Cornick was a human resources assistant for Capital One; during her time at Capital One, she handled high-level, confidential documents and information and developed a high regard for safekeeping and trust; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Laura Cornick brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2010 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, evincing an unflagging commitment to excellence in her every endeavor, Laura has worked assiduously during this session to promote the estimable principles of democracy, fairness, and equity in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, an intern of uncommon probity and singular talent, Laura Cornick has distinguished herself as an exceptional individual with the utmost integrity, character, professionalism, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cornick epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2010 legislative session, Laura has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, performing her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and thank Laura Cornick for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Chairman Delores Gresham and the Senate Education Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.